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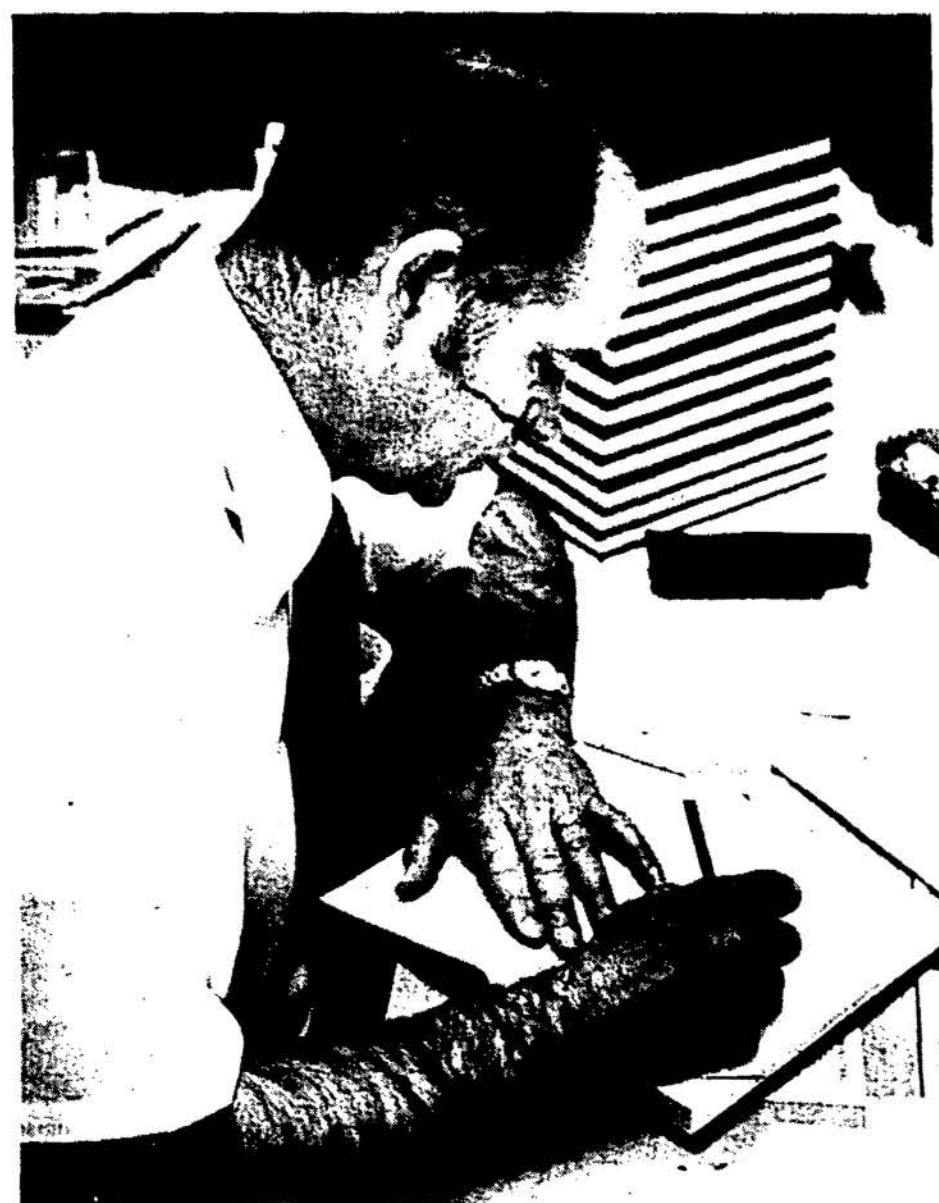
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Author's party

Dr. James L. Forsythe, chairman of the History Department, autographs a new Fort Hays State history book he wrote this past year. The book depicts the University from its beginning in 1902 to the present. They are on sale for \$6 (paperback) and \$25 (personalized, leather-facsimile hardbound) until noon today in the Memorial Union, and will be also sold in the union everyday next week.

Campus Directory

Policy needed to facilitate changes

The need for a campus policy to facilitate changes in addresses and phone numbers has surfaced as a result of numerous errors in the faculty and staff listings in the 1977-78 Campus Directory.

Published by the Society for Collegiate Journalists (SCJ), the directory went on sale throughout the campus this week and has met varied criticisms from both faculty and students because of errors and omissions.

"We've had problems in the past with the addresses and phone numbers," Todd Fuller, Wichita graduate student and SCJ president, said. "But for some reason, everyone seems to complain about them this year. But unless a change is made, I'm convinced that this is the most accurate that a campus directory can be made."

Dave Adams, assistant professor of journalism and SCJ adviser, echoed Fuller's sentiments. He stressed that a campus policy is needed for faculty and staff who have address or phone number changes.

Currently, no such policy exists. Both Fuller and Adams reported that upon compiling the directory, they discovered that no one on campus has a complete updated listing of faculty and staff addresses and phone numbers.

SCJ received a last year's computer printout from the Data Processing Center with information on faculty and staff, Fuller said. "SCJ was responsible to update the information although we weren't allowed to make changes in data banks."

The updated printout sheets were returned to data processing, Fuller said, yet, many corrections weren't changed. Kay Dey, director of institu-

tional research, and Walter Manteuffel, comptroller, are the only persons allowed to alter information in the unclassified and classified data banks where information on faculty and staff are stored.

"Apparently, the people in data processing could care less about what a person's address or phone number is; all they are concerned with is Social Security numbers," Fuller said.

Errors in the student listing, Adams said, are probably the fault of the students themselves. When students change their name, address or phone

number, he said, they are to report the change to the Registrar's Office as soon as possible.

"Yet, many students don't take the time to do this and are now concerned because wrong information is listed in the directory," Adams said.

Fuller stated that he personally updated the information on pages 2-4 concerning general offices, residence halls and social and student organizations. "We made a lot of changes to update the information, yet they (the changes) weren't put into the computer," he said.

Calling all faculty and staff would be

a monumental task, Fuller said, so SCJ must rely on the data banks.

However, unless one person is placed in charge of maintaining a current listing of faculty addresses and phone numbers, Fuller said, the directory will always be inaccurate.

"After putting in many hours of work into the directory to provide a service," Adams said, "we (SCJ members) are getting the rap about something we can't control. Not that I think we should have access to change the data banks, but someone should be placed in charge so these errors aren't made in the future."

Student Senate delays action on veto

Response to a veto on a resolution which would allow students to loan their activity tickets to other individuals was postponed until next week at the Student Senate meeting last night.

By a vote of 18 in favor, none opposed and one abstention, the senate delayed action on Student Body President Stan Teasley's, Phillipsburg senior, veto on Resolution 305.

In a message read by Secretary Joy Wyatt, Norcat junior, Teasley requested that the senate postpone action on his veto until he can present his rationale in person on Nov. 10. Teasley was in Concordia attending a KANEDCO meeting.

The resolution was passed unanimously last week. It states that students may loan their activity ticket to others for various activities. Voting in elections, using the library or the sports complex are prohibited by the resolution.

A two-thirds majority of the senate is required to override Teasley's veto.

The ad hoc committee on Homecoming introduced two pieces of legislation last night which would free the senate from involvement in the Homecoming Queen elections.

Resolution 306 calls for the campus Homecoming Committee to choose an organization to handle the Homecoming Queen elections. An amendment to Statute 701 would move the senate elections from one and a half weeks before Homecoming to the third Wednesday and Thursday of September.

Debi Schumacher, Hays freshman and member of the ad hoc committee, said after the meeting that the Homecoming Committee has not been approached as a whole although several members of the committee are reportedly in favor of the resolution.

Major discussion centered around an amendment to Statute 601 originated by Brent Halderman, Long Island sophomore. The amendment, which was sent back to committee by a unanimous vote, prohibits appropriating funds following the occurrence for which the appropriation was requested.

Halderman explained Fort Hays State policy which requests two weeks notice for out-of-state travel. "It is unfair to organizations who adhere to this policy to appropriate money to those who don't. It is our responsibility to see that money is given fairly to organizations requesting it."

Kristi Parry, Great Bend graduate student, asked Halderman if the amendment meant that the senate must vote before the event happens or whether the transaction must be cleared through the Business Office. She added that she was unclear as to the implications because in the past "money has been transferred from our (Student Government Association's) account into theirs (other organizations) after the event has happened."

Halderman acknowledged that this procedure has taken place but said he "would hate for Mr. Keating (vice-president for administration and finance) to hear about it."

In other action, the senate approved Resolution 304 which recommends that records pertaining to class withdrawals

or a prior record of a repeated class on a student's transcript be completely removed by a 18-0-1 vote.

Statute 302 which clarifies the jurisdiction and procedures to be followed by the Student-Faculty Court was approved unanimously.

"Basically, this statute unifies the SGA Constitution, statutes and the Student Bill of Rights into a clear and concise package," Melissa Brack, Hoisington junior, said.

A resolution was introduced by Teasley to endorse the proposed farm strike by asking students to participate in inter-related aspects of the strike. The resolution will come up for approval next week.

Teasley also introduced a resolution recommending that FHS institute the use of a validation sticker to serve as validation of payment of fees and tuition plus include numbers which could be marked off in indelible ink when an activity was attended. The sticker would vary in color each semester and be adhesively attachable to the ID card.

The Allocations Committee will begin hearing requests on Nov. 30, according to Halderman.

Tickets available for concert

England Dan and John Ford Coley will appear in concert at 8 p.m. Nov. 13 in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Tickets for the concert are available in the director's office of the Memorial Union. The cost is \$6 with an activity ticket and \$7 without.

Danny Wayland Seals (England Dan) started his music career at the age of four, playing an upright bass. He appeared on many local television shows in Texas with his father and his brother, Jimmy Seals, of Seals and Crofts.

John Ford Coley started playing classical piano at the age of six, also in Texas. He also took up the guitar to add versatility to his stage performance and his songwriting ability.

Hays lacks bicycle traffic accommodations

by DAVID ERNST
Interpretive Staff Writer

The bicycle is a popular means of recreation and transportation in the Hays community. Few accommodations for bicycle traffic have been made, however, because of lack of organized support for the sport.

In 1974, the engineering firm of Bucher and Willis prepared a park and recreation plan for the city of Hays. Analysis of the community's recreational needs was undertaken through a survey distributed to four segments of the Hays population.

The segments included the general population over 18 years of age, college students, high school students and grade school students. Bicycling placed sixth among the recreational activities that those surveyed thought the city should provide facilities for. It was fourth among the activities that the respondents said they would personally participate in. When asked to list proposed recreational developments in order of priority, the respondents placed

ed the construction of bike paths and bike racks second.

Because of these results, the plan recommended the construction of three bike paths as a beginning of bikeway development in Hays. The type of path the plan proposed would consist of a painted lane next to the curb or shoulder of the road. One would run north and south along Oak Street. The other would run east and west along Canal Boulevard and 20th Street. These lanes would provide bicyclists with unimpeded access to different parts of the city.

Dan Rupp, associate professor of economics and member of the Hays City Commission, said the plan was originally meant to be implemented as a single package, bike path included. The Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (BOC) was prepared to supply \$1 million in matching funds for the project.

Rupp said the park project was presented twice to Hays voters along with a bond issue for a new high

school. Both proposals were defeated each time.

"Then the BOC changed its rules," Rupp said. The offer of matching funds for the entire park project was withdrawn. "It was decided to deal with the park improvements on an incremental basis," Rupp said, "that is, whenever the funds become available."

The idea of improved facilities for bicycle traffic fell by the wayside until last April, when three Fort Hays State students brought the matter before the City Commission. Barbara Shelton, Hays senior; Denny Lee, Minneola graduate student; and Chuck Bonner, Leoti graduate student, attended the commission's April 14 meeting in hopes of gaining some commitment to the construction of bike paths and placing of bike racks in the business district.

Park improvements were the topic of that meeting. In the ensuing discussion, the commission's minutes read, "A citizen in the audience said he

would like to have bike paths considered in the plan." No response from the commission was recorded. A paragraph later, the minutes read, "A citizen in the audience suggested that bike racks be provided at the park facilities." It was then recorded that "The commission agreed that bicycle racks should be provided at all city parks."

Rupp said, in his opinion, the commission had made a definite commitment to the building of bike racks. Action, however, has not been forthcoming.

Joe Pence, Hays city manager, said that bike racks would be built, that it was just a matter of "scheduling and manpower." Duane Creamer, director of the Hays Recreation Commission would be in charge of the construction, Pence said.

Creamer said, when contacted, he was not aware of being in charge of the project. "We (the Recreation Committee) had agreed to help build the racks," he said. "I suppose the responsibility will all fall upon me." Creamer did not have any idea when the racks would be completed.

Shelton thought the commission's apathy toward bicycles could be attributed to lack of organized support for bicyclists' interests. "One of the reasons new tennis courts were so high on (the commission's) list was because of lobbying efforts by the Hays Racquet Club," Shelton said.

whether the amendment will be stricken will lie with the members of student senate.

Members of the Fort Hays State task force are: Wasinger; Jac Jensik, Belleville junior and member of the board of directors; Stan Teasley, Phillipsburg senior and student body president; Dave Inloes, Quinter senior and ASK assemblyman; George Armbruster, Lindborg junior and ASK assemblyman; Brent Halderman, Long Island sophomore and student senator; Debi Schumacher, Hays freshman and student senator; and Kim Grant, Salina sophomore chosen at large.

The task force will have its first meeting early next week to begin the study. Wasinger stressed, however, that all ASK assemblymen would be involved in the study.

"Also, any students who wish to have a say in this issue are welcome to contact me in my office," Wasinger said.

ASK task force to study amendment

by BETTY FELTHAM
Staff Reporter

A study of an amendment of the Associated Students of Kansas' constitution to endorse, oppose or work for candidates for political office will be conducted by a task force established on each campus.

The question of the feasibility of such an amendment arose at the October Legislative Assembly. The Fort Hays State delegation proposed the idea to strike the amendment from the constitution.

The amendment states that the Legislative Assembly shall not attempt to endorse, oppose or work for candidates. The present proposal under study is to strike the amendment without making replacement legislation. This would provide ASK with the option to support or oppose candidates.

"At the time we couldn't get it through, the other campuses wanted to research the idea," Bob Wasinger, campus director of ASK, said.

No immediate decision was reached so task forces were formed to study the issue. Each force is expected to study the feasibility of the continued existence of the amendment, establish the criteria of choosing candidates, establish the task force composition,

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establish the final authority for decisions, and establish limitations on choice.

The outcome of task force studies will be presented at the Board Meeting of ASK on Nov. 19-20.

The Board will then approve or disapprove task force studies. However, the final authority as to

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Fort Notes

Library installs telephones

Forsyth Library has installed two green campus telephones. The first is located to the left of the foyer entrance of the library, and the other is on the wall around the left corner of the lower level entrance.

Mexican food sale tomorrow

The Hispanic Student Organization is sponsoring a home-made Mexican food sale from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday at the Baptist Center, 407 Elm St. Tostadas, tacos, enchiladas, burritos and hot chili sauce will be served. Orders can be called in at 625-5923 or picked up at the center.

Student play to premiere today

"All the Facts," a play written by Scott Newton, Fort Hays State graduate, will premiere at 3:30 p.m. today in Felten-Start Theater.

Graduate exam applications available

Applications for a Graduate Record Examination on Dec. 10, 1977 must be in the mail by Nov. 9. The application blanks may be obtained from the Graduate Office in Picken Hall 211 or from the Dean of Instruction Office in Picken Hall 206.

Mid-term grades available from advisors

Fall mid-term grades are currently available from advisors and can be picked up during their office hours.

Forum discusses criminal justice policy

Local criminal justice professionals, humanists and state representatives will assemble with area residents at a community forum at 7 p.m. Monday in the Trails Room of the Memorial Union.

The forum will discuss criminal justice policy, deterrence of crime and society's responsibility for providing protection and correction.

Among the scheduled participants are Phillip Martin, state representative from Larned, who will discuss policy-making priorities, and Hays Sheriff Dave Wasinger, who will evaluate the function of corrections in regard to the community.

John Knight, assistant professor of English, will represent the local humanists at the

forum. He will contrast the medieval and modern concepts of community morals, security, alienation and class distinctions in corrections.

"I think the forum is intended to stimulate thought on matters of justice in the Ellis County area. It is an attempt to confront people with the question of how they feel justice should be dealt with in the community," Knight said.

A group of Fort Hays State students will present a Reader's Theater depicting the lives of persons enmeshed in the

criminal justice network. The group is under the direction of Dr. Suzanne Trauth, associate professor of speech.

The Hays forum will be the second of six state-wide forums addressed to corrections of public policy. The events are being sponsored by the Kansas Council on Crime and Delinquency and the Catholic Social Service of Kansas City, Kan.

Local co-sponsors are the League of Women Voters of Hays, Ellis County Mental Health Association and the

American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas.

"The League of Women Voters is interested in letting the public become exposed to alternatives to prison reform for the future," Anita Markley, president of the organization said. "I think it is important for the community to attend the forum because prison reform was a prominent issue of the 1977 state legislature, and it will be coming up again in 1978. The forum will give the public an opportunity to learn more about the issues involved."

Greeks organize food drive

Fort Hays State students and area residents are being asked by two Greek organizations to donate canned food for underprivileged families in Ellis County during the Sigma Chi fraternity's eighth annual Thanksgiving canned food drive.

Assisting with the drive this year are the Hays Chamber of Commerce and the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

The Greek students will solicit canned food donations at area residences tomorrow. Drive participants ask students who will not be home but who wish to donate food to leave canned goods on their porch with an identifying label.

Drive organizers can be contacted at 628-8235 or at the Sigma Chi fraternity house, 404 W. Seventh St.

Last year's drive netted the group over 6,000 cans of food. The fraternity distributed donations to over 40 area families.

Workshop includes child abuse lectures

The problem of child abuse will be discussed at a workshop from 8-10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday in Felten-Start Theater.

Guest speakers will present lectures during the morning session. A film will be shown in the afternoon followed by group discussions concerning child abuse.

"We are trying to develop an awareness on the problem of child abuse while discussing ways to prevent it from occurring," Calvina Thomas, Hays education specialist, said.

"We hope to give a multi-disciplinary approach to the problem."

Lecturers for the morning sessions are SuEllen Fried, president of the Kansas Chapter for the Prevention of Child Abuse; Joe Pierron Johnson, county assistant district attorney; Dr. Ben Rubin, Kansas City pediatrician; and Dr. Joyce Volmut, instructor of nursing at Washburn University.

Afternoon sessions will be devoted to ways to prevent child abuse in specific areas. Participants will be grouped in the following areas: law enforcement, education, nursing, physicians, psychologists, ministers and attorneys.

Price for the workshop is \$2.50 for Fort Hays State students and \$7.50 for others. Price for the banquet is \$5. Special rates for couples are \$12.50 for the workshop and \$8.50 for the banquet or \$20 for both.

Committee informs senators

Fort Hays State administrators met last Wednesday night in Garden City to confer with a group of area senators to discuss the 1979 FHS budget requests. Those present at the meeting included Dr. Gerald Tomanek, president of FHS; Ronald Pflughof, executive assistant to the president; and Dr. Harold Eickhoff, vice-president for academic affairs.

The meeting was the first of four such sessions designed to keep legislators briefed on the progress of FHS. Pflughof said, "If they (the legislators) understand what our equipment needs are, they're more apt to respond to our institution."

Items of interest will include the proposed nursing and psychology expansion and the effect a local TV station would have on the communications department.

Meetings have also been scheduled for Nov. 7 at

Goodland and Nov. 30 at Larned. Pflughof explained that the purpose of having four meetings is to contact as many legislators as possible from the western section of the state.

In addition to briefing legislators at the annual meetings, FHS has formed an Action Committee to keep them in-

formed on activities throughout the year. The committee, headed by Hal Palmer, president of the FHS Alumni Committee, consists of approximately one hundred alumni, parents and friends across the state. Current information on FHS activities is sent to members, and they in turn contact their legislators.

Scout Night set for tomorrow

Scout Night at the Fort Hays State football game has been set for tomorrow night, and over 400 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are expected to join FHS fans to watch the Tigers play Kearney State.

Scout Night has been an annual event at FHS since the 1940s, according to Ralph Huffman, dean of continuing education. Each year, scout

leaders in the seven western councils of the state are issued invitations to bring their troops to the last home game of the season. The scouts are admitted free and seated in a special reserved section of the bleachers.

"This is simply a courtesy done each year," Huffman said. "It has always been well received in the past."

"The scouts really enjoy the opportunity to get together with friends—they have made from other counties within the council," said Dixie Horton, leader

of the Sunflower Council of Girl Scouts in Hays. "Scout Night is one of the few council-wide events held each year."

Other councils invited to participate in Scout Night are the Coronado Council of Boy Scouts and the Central Council of Girl Scouts in Salina, Kansas Council of Boy Scouts and the Wheatbelt Council of Girl Scouts in Hutchinson and the Santa Fe Council of Boy Scouts and the Tumbleweed Council of Girl Scouts in Garden City.

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CC team takes on CSC team

Coming off a victory in the Kansas Intercollegiate Championship last weekend, the Fort Hays State Tiger cross country team faces, favored Pittsburg State University as well as their other conference foes, tomorrow in the Central States Conference (CSC) championship meet.

The meet starts at 11 a.m. with the five-mile meet being hosted by Wayne State in Wayne, Neb.

Pittsburg State is favored, having won the CSC meet the last three years. Pittsburg runners include Mark McCloud and Mark Rubase, who are two of the finest in U.S. small

colleges. The two are favorites in the conference meet as well as in the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District 10 and national meets.

Head Coach Alex Francis said, "This is the best chance we've had in three years of winning the CSC meet, if we can keep everyone well." Gary Sigle, who finished first in last weekend's Kansas Intercollegiate Championship meet, came to practice sick last Monday night according to Francis.

"If Sigle is not well, there is not much chance of Fort Hays

State winning the CSC meet," said Francis.

Lomle Gee, the number five runner on the team who had to quit because of injuries, and Steve Herrman, the number three runner who is out due to an injury, will not be running this weekend in Nebraska.

Last year FHS placed second in the conference meet. Individually, top finishers for the Tigers were Sigle, fourth; Herrman, 10th; Gee, 11th; and Ed Gillaspie, 13th.

Emporia State will host the NAIA District 10 meet Nov. 12. The first three teams to place will qualify for the national meet in Kenosha, Wis.



Leading the way

Garry Sigle crosses the finish line in first place. Sigle led the Tigers to victory in the Kansas Intercollegiate championships on the Fort Hays State golf course last Saturday.

(Photo by Tom O'Neil)

Typos call Rosado new Tiger baseball coach

Speaking of typos. In last week's issue of the *Leader* there was a story on the front page which poked fun at the new name tags at the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Office.

Dr. Russell Bogue, chairman of the HPER Department, was renamed as the head of opera.

Well, last week it was the *Leader* which had the red face. In this column Joe Rosado, head coach of the Tiger basketball team, was called the head baseball coach.

One could see how Bogue's title might be changed since the remaining letters are similar to opera. Something similar happened in the Rosado story.

In the column, baseball was mentioned several times, and when the story was set, baseball was substituted for basketball as his title.

Basketball players, or for that matter anyone, should see the movie "One on One." Although I have not seen it, all I have heard are favorable remarks.

I planned to do a movie review on "One on One," but

was beaten to the punch by an interpretive staff writer. A review will be in the *Leader* soon.

In looking through the team names of the men's intramural basketball league, one will find a lot of interesting names.

Some of the names are as follows: Playboys, Ultimates, Outlaws, Blitzers, Wizards, Webbirds, High Plains Drifters, Spaghetto Gang, Honkers, Gong Gang, Janitors, Skillet Lickers, Superjacks, Hawaltans, The Americans, University Farm, Skrat, Cheapshots, Bab's Boons and Sixth Street Maulers.

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Basketball team ready for initial scrimmage

Finally, Tiger fans will no longer have to sit through those boring varsity-alumni scrimmages.

Instead, they will get a first hand view of the Tigers scrimmaging against each other, plus a chance to see the Tiger alumni.

The alumni will have a scrimmage against the junior varsity beginning at 6 p.m. Monday in Gross Memorial

Coliseum. The varsity squad will be divided into two teams. They will begin play at 8 p.m.

"This is the first year for this type of format which goes along with the idea that we want to develop a totally new program," Head Coach Joe Rosado said.

The new format will continue each year.

Some of the alumni who will return include: Val McLean, Al Billinger, Brent Frack, Al

Campbell, Bill Griving, Keith Harper and John Woodworth.

"We had to have the scrimmage on Monday due to other commitments. Monday is a bad night since the alumni have to travel, but I hope the students will really get involved," said Rosado.

The first team, which will wear white uniforms, will consist of Mark Wilson, a 6-1 guard from Columbus, Ohio; Rick Albrecht, from Russell; Dave Stoppel, an all-league performer last season; Eddie Melts, a 6-5 forward from Yonkers, N.Y.; and Mike Pauls, a starter on last year's team.

The second team, wearing the black jerseys, will include: Jim Hix, Marlin Locke, Dale Smith, Rick Rust, Stan Wagler, Mike Goll, Doug Rohr and Steve Dechant.

Rosado will be assisted by Bud Moeckel and graduate assistant Wes Jessup.

"I really hope people come out to see us," Rosado said. "I think people will see there has never been a team like this at FHS before," he said.

Intramural notes

Men's basketball

Monday, Oct. 31
Playboys 79, Force 32
Blitzers 48, Ultimates 41
Wizards 93, University Farms 28
High Plains Drifters 42, M.F.I. 33
Morning Star 59, Jones Boys 41
Double Dribblers 59, M.C. 28
No Names 50, 3-H's 46

Tuesday, Nov. 1

River Rats 47, P.P.K. 34
BSU 44, Vets Club 33
Ind. Arts 59, Geology Club 52
AKP A 37, Shellhammers 25
Thrown Together 38, Bandits 27
Lakers 40, Wiest 4
Spaghetto Gang 35, Cheapshots 34

Intramural trap shooting will have their second organizational

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Surveys indicate water shortage

by BILL WARD
Feature Editor

"...the best estimate is that if current water supply and usage conditions continue, the groundwater supply in western Kansas will last about 45 years." These grim words come from a 1975 survey entitled *Kansas 2000*, a long-range study of future conditions in Kansas.

Kansas 2000 is not alone in its ominous warnings for residents of

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western Kansas. Phase One of the Kansas State Water Board studies indicated that 27 counties in western Kansas will deplete their groundwater supplies by 2020. Of these counties, two will be dry before 1980, three more before 1990, eight more by 2000, five more by 2010 and the other nine by 2020.

While both western and eastern Kansas have their water problems, the relative situations are different. Precipitation ranges from less than 16 inches annually in the west to more than 40 inches in the east. Yet, in western Kansas there is a large supply of underground water; while the east, lacking underground water, must rely heavily on lakes, rivers and reservoirs.

Causing chief alarm in western Kansas is the dropping water table levels. According to the Kansas Geological Survey, the water table in western Kansas dropped 3.5 feet during 1976, almost three times the average drop during the 10-year period from 1966-76. In southwestern Kansas the table declined an average of five feet in 1976, as compared to the usual annual decline of two feet.

The survey attributed the greater decline to unusually dry weather and increases in the number of irrigation wells. Grant County had the maximum decline with a drop of 52 feet over the 10-year period, followed by Stanton County, 37 feet and Finney County, 31 feet.

Overall, western Kansas is using water four to 10 times faster than it is being replaced. According to a preliminary groundwater report from Sen. Richard Cannon, D-Goodland, the state's water table has dropped over 100 feet. In several of the western counties over two-thirds of the supply has been depleted in the last 25 years.

Center-pivot irrigation

The villain in the water table woes seems to be the center-pivot irrigation system. First employed in Nebraska in the early 1950s, the center-pivot system was introduced into southwestern Kan-

sas in the early 1960s. In 1965 there were 11 systems in Finney County; by 1974 there were 590. 1974 also saw well over 2,000 center-pivot irrigation

systems in operation over the southwest portion of the state.

This expansion is primarily due to the increased productivity and enlarged profits made possible through center-pivot irrigation. Crop production is changed as wheat is phased out in

favor of feed grains such as corn. However, the amount of water required to cultivate 40 acres of corn could produce over 100 acres of wheat.

Also, the amount of produce and profits rises with the use of center-pivot irrigation. Studies show that a farmer's gross income increases from \$33 to \$138 or more for each acre-foot of water used. Non-irrigated lands pro-

duce the highest irrigated acreage with over 225,000 acres in irrigation. Russell County, on the other hand, has surprisingly no irrigated acres.

Possible solutions

Regardless of the reasons for the water crisis, political leaders in Kansas are beginning to react from the pressure of their constituents as western Kansas grows drier. Until recently, one of the main problems with water control was that the current regulations had no real teeth for enforcement. But since the beginning of this year, Gov. Robert Bennett and the Kansas Legislature are preparing studies and drafting legislation designed to help alleviate the water shortage.

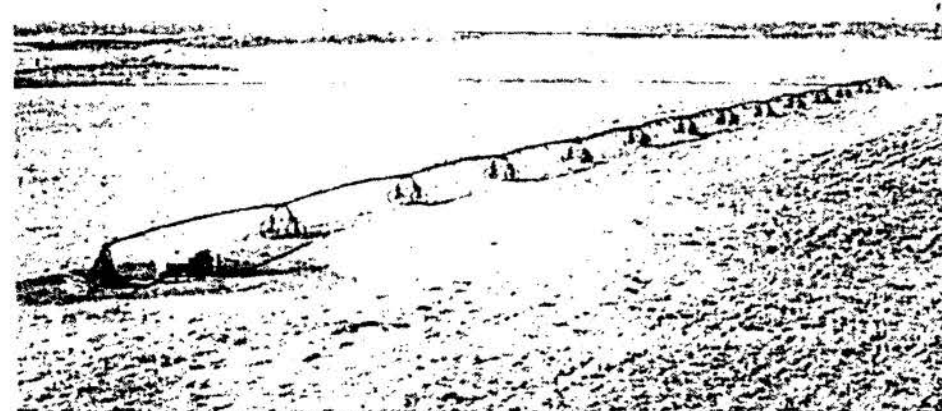
While some of the senators involved feel their efforts may be too little too late, an attempt is being made.

In addition to stiffer regulations on water usage and distribution, other methods to help the water crisis are being discussed. Weather modification, reduced evaporation, breeding crops that use less water, desalinization and recharge studies are being examined.

Also announced by Lt. Gov. Shelby Smith is a possible plan to deliver water to western Kansas from the Kansas River by way of a canal stretching across Kansas. However, some studies have indicated that the amount of water needed would require more than the total flow of the Kansas River. The tentative plans for the canal are still in the developmental stage.

In his presentation to the Kansas Farm Bureau Water Conference last July, Howard O'Connor said, "A farmer has a pond with one water lily in it. The lily population doubles in size every day. In 30 days it will completely cover the pond, killing all the fish in it. The farmer does not want this to happen, but he is busy and decides to postpone thinning until the plant covers half of the pond. The riddle is this: on what day will the lily cover half the pond? On the 29th day, leaving the farmer just one day to save his pond. My final question—are we approaching the 29th day?"

Perhaps it isn't the 29th day yet, but the fact remains. If the water is being used faster than it is replaced, there will eventually come a day when there is no more water.



The culprit?

Most of the blame for western Kansas' water woes has been placed on the proliferation of the center-pivot irrigation system. By 1974, there were over 2,200 units in operation. All of these directly sap the remaining groundwater.

duce 23.6 bushels of wheat per acre, 58.2 bushels of sorghum and 37 bushels of corn an acre. Irrigated acreage produced 48.3 bushels of wheat, 84.3 bushels of sorghum and 101.7 bushels of corn per acre.

While the irrigation unquestionably increases production, its advantages must be weighed against the side effects. Substantial areas of natural vegetation in the Sand Hills area south of the Arkansas River have been destroyed by the center-pivot irrigation systems.

Additionally, since the irrigation systems in southwestern Kansas use almost entirely well-derived ground water, the systems in use are rapidly draining the available groundwater. This drainage occurs since the amount of water used each year far exceeds the annual recharge of the water table.

Currently 12 per cent of the state's cropland is under irrigation, but it produces more than 25 per cent of the annual crop yield. But in some localities, the majority of the land is under deep-well irrigation. One township in southern Gray County has 61 per cent of all quarter sections under center-pivot irrigation.

The amount of acreage under irrigation varies widely from county to county in western Kansas. Finney County, which includes the Garden City area,

Unless the city of Hays makes a strong commitment to a policy of water conservation, it could face disastrous water shortages in the future.

Both population growth, that is, an increase in the number of people depending on the Hays water supply, and economic growth, the expansion of industrial activity, have contributed to a steadily increasing demand for water in this area.

The city government has coped with the situation by searching out new sources of water. This course of action has sustained the city for the time being. However it has led, and will probably continue to lead, to many problems. A period of hot, dry weather this summer forced the city to resort to a water rationing program for a week. Hays has also been accused of "stealing" from the city of Russell's water supply.

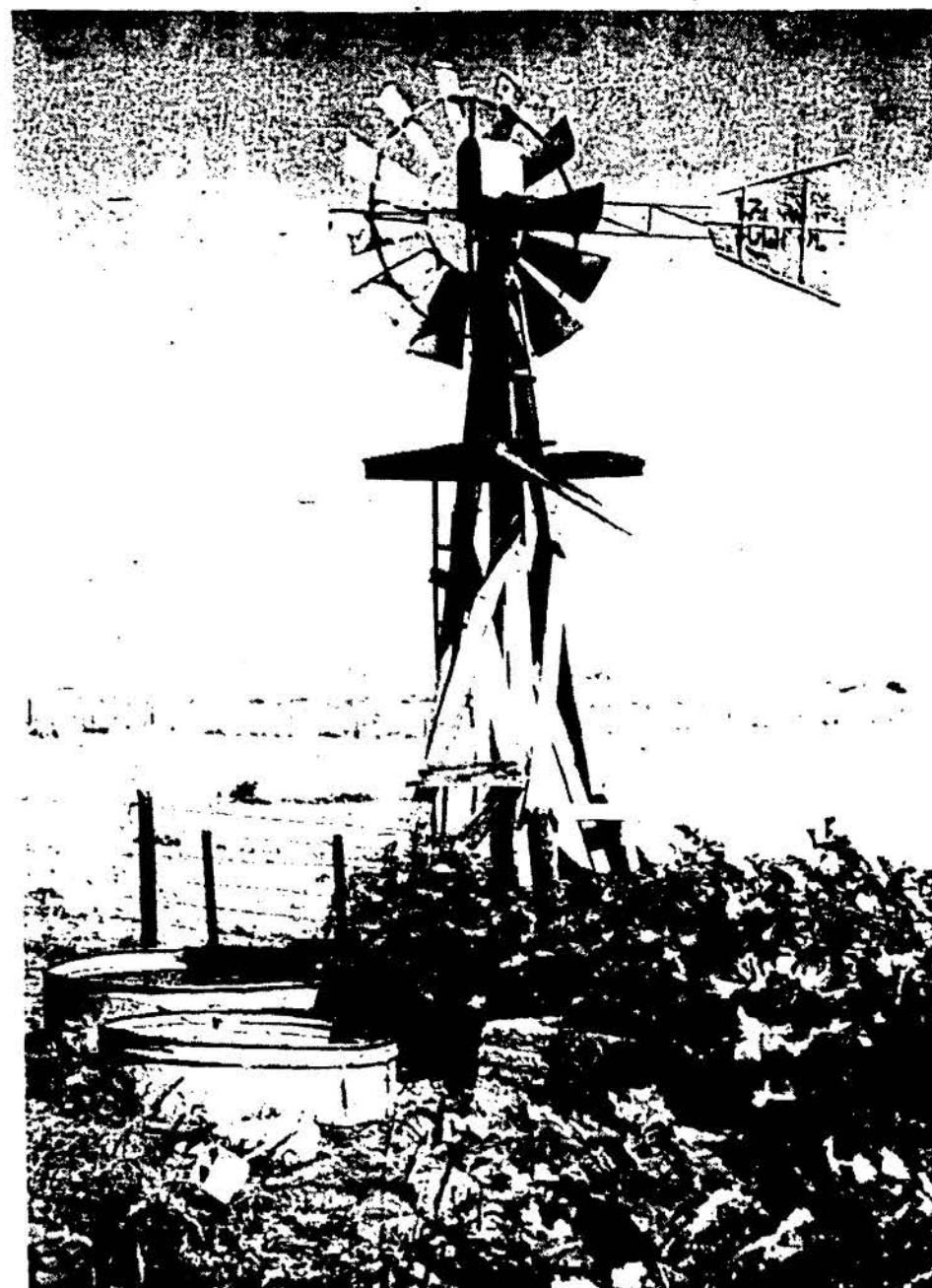
One thing which must be changed if the city is to curb its demand for water is the present system of water and sewage taxation. This system encourages high consumption of water and, in addition, places most of the burden for paying for municipal services on the middle-to-lower classes.

On July 5 the engineering firm of Black and Veatch submitted an evaluation of Hays' water resources to the City Commission. The report said the city's present water supply and distribution system would prove inadequate to meet future needs and recommended expansion of the system.

The report said there are 10 wells located within and immediately adjacent to the city. These wells draw upon the Big Creek groundwater basin. Five wells pump water to the city's water treatment plant for softening. From there, that water is pumped into the city's distribution system. Three other wells are maintained as an emergency standby reserve and are able to pump water directly into the distribution system.

The remaining two wells have not been in use since 1964. They were declared contaminated at that time. Black and Veatch retested the water from these wells and found no significant levels of contaminated chemicals. It was found, however, that the water smelled of gasoline or petroleum. The report suggested that if the water were aerated at the treatment plant, the odor could be removed.

The five regularly used wells were



Source of power, drain on water

The western Kansas windmill has pumped water to livestock and crops for years. However, many of today's windmills stand idle and deserted as the rapidly falling water tables have dropped beyond their reach.

Hays needs conservation policy

determined to have a maximum pumping capacity of 1,232 million gallons per day. The three standby wells were said to be able to pump one-half million gallons per day, while the two unused wells had a capacity of .36 million gallons per day. The maximum amount of water the city could expect from the Big Creek wells would be 2.09 million gallons per day.

Ten Hays wells are located in the Smoky Hill River basin. The city has two appropriate water rights to this groundwater. These rights, established March 4, 1953 and July 3, 1956, grant Hays a maximum withdrawal rate of 4.2 million gallons a day.

Five of the Smoky Hill wells pump water approximately 10,000 feet through a 12-inch pipeline to booster station No. 1. The other five pump water to booster No. 1 through approximately 11,500 feet of 16-inch pipeline. From the booster station, the water is transmitted 45,350 feet through parallel 12-inch and 20-inch pipelines to the treatment plant.

The report found deterioration of the pipes had diminished the original capacity of the Smoky Hill distribution system. Instead of a maximum capacity of 4.2 million gallons a day, it was found to have a capacity of four million gallons a day. Together with the Big Creek wells, this brought the water system's pumping capacity up to 5.23 million gallons a day. If the water from the unused Big Creek wells were made available, the total would be 5.59 million gallons per day.

The report projected that by the year 2000, Hays' maximum daily demand for water would be, at a conservative estimate, 10.1 million gallons per day.

The report concluded "If Hays were a static community exhibiting little or no growth, occasional water restrictions to hold demands within the available capacity of supply capacities would be an economical and reasonably safe course of action to follow.

"This however, is not the case. Hays has been growing at a relatively strong rate for at least the past 20 years and current conditions do not indicate that this established trend will be broken in the immediate future. Under these circumstances, maximum day demands may be expected to continue to in-

crease in concert with the increasing number of water customers. Without system enlargement, extended water rationing would become an annual affair and the reliability of the system would diminish to an unacceptable level."

The problem with the solution of system enlargement is that it can only be carried so far. If some check is not placed on water demand, it will inevitably outstrip supply. Such was the case this summer during the month of July. Hot, dry weather increased the city's daily demand for water to 5.7 million gallons. A rationing program had to be set up until conditions returned to normal.

It was during this time that an article appeared in the *Hays Daily News* quoting two state engineers as saying the city of Russell should bill Hays for water. The reasoning behind this statement was based on the fact that Russell relies on a surface water pumping system. Hot weather caused this water to evaporate quickly and be absorbed readily into the ground.

On July 8, a day after Hays began its rationing program, Russell released water from Cedar Bluff Reservoir. The engineers reasoned that some of this water ended up, because of evaporation, in Hays' Big Creek wells. Although no real conflict arose, the situation could become serious in a time of prolonged drought.

One obstacle to water conservation in Hays is the present system of taxation. Dan Rupp, associate professor of economics and member of the Hays City Commission, said the citizens of Hays are charged \$5.80 for the first 300 cubic feet of water used per month. A tax of 51 cents is levied upon the next 1,200 cubic feet. A family or business which uses 1,500 cubic feet or 13,500 gallons monthly, which Rupp said is about an average rate, pays \$11.92. For the next 45,000 cubic feet, the charge is 45 cents per 100 cubic feet. The next 50,000 cubic feet beyond that cost 37 cents per 100 cubic feet.

Increasing prices less and less to use more and more water, Rupp said, he proposes instead, for a system of flat rate use of water. Rupp said that this takes the burden off the middle to lower income families and encourages conservation of water.

Major reservoirs in western Kansas

NAME	WATERCOURSE	COUNTY	COMPLETED	PURPOSES*
Cedar Bluff	Smoky Hill River	Trego	1951	1,2,4,5
Glen Elder	Solomon River	Mitchell, Osborne	1969	1,2,3,4,5
Kanopolis	Smoky Hill River	Ellsworth	1948	1,2,3,4,5
Kirwin	North Fork Solomon River	Phillips	1955	1,3,5
Lovewell	White Rock Creek	Jewell	1957	1,3,5
Webster	South Fork Solomon River	Rooks	1956	1,3,5
Wilson	Saline River	Russell, Lincoln	1965	1,2,3,4,5,6

*1. flood control 2. municipal and industrial 3. irrigation 4. streamflow regulation 5. recreation, fish and wildlife 6. navigation

Water...but too far east

Western Kansas has around seven major surface water reservoirs. While all but Cedar Bluff were originally intended for irrigation, some of the lakes, especially Wilson reservoir, have become too salty for practical use. Others such as Kirwin and Webster reservoirs, battle annual bouts of low water. This

lack of available water prevents them from bleeding off any water downstream to waiting farmers. Another problem is that none of these reservoirs are in the northwest or southwest where they are needed most.

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